FINANCIAL BUSINESS.

DEMAND FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

I. Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 500 for additional T. A. to the Income Tax Department.

Sir, a sum of Rs. 3,100 was sanctioned for this purpose in the Budget for this year, out of which a sum of Rs. 513 had to be incurred on account of liabilities of the previous year on the same account. The expenditure during this year has been very carefully watched and yet this sum of Rs. 500 which was spent towards the account of last year was found necessary; I assure that the expenditure for this year will be kept under the sanctioned allotment.

PRESIDENT: The motion before the House is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 500 by way of supplementary grant under Demand No. 1 Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

The motion was put and carried and the grant was made.

IX. MEDICAL.

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA DR. MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,600 under Demand No. IX - Medical...

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Sir, on a point of order. We have not got the sheets of the Supplementary Demand.

PRESIDENT: Why? Is it so Mr. Secretary? Well, if this is so and if Honourable Members have not got copies of the demand, I shall take it up tomorrow. Will that be alright?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: Yes.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. The other supplementary grants will be moved tomorrow morning. Now, we will pass on to the other work. Mr. Secretary, there ought to be no room for this kind of complaint.

MR. A. GUNAMONY (*Secretary*): Yes, Sir.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRIVANDRUM CITY MUNICIPAL BILL.

(Second reading and further stages of—)

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: Sir, I beg to move that the Trivandrum City Municipal Bill as reported by the Joint Committee be taken into consideration.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2.

The motion that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2 were added to the Bill.

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hands for many times that amount. But that was a kind of boom period, a period of speculation. But where, for instance, a Municipality is called upon to develop new localities it is but right that it should get some of the advantages of those changes of value which it is instrumental in producing by improving the locality by introducing a drainage system a lighting system, by the laying of parks and other amenities. If the Municipality is expected and I think should be expected to make itself known then it should bring into existence libraries, parks, picturegalleries and other places of healthy activity. We cannot get these amenities embarked upon by a Municipality unless it is interested in developing localities and that interest is most stimulated by the element of profit which is so frequent and so inevitable on the human efforts. On the whole rather than the Municipalities coming to the Government and constantly asking for grants it would be a better way for the Municipalities to realise their own responsibilities being also responsible to the tax-payers for the adequate and proper discharge of their responsibilities. I may therefore suggest to the House that of all forms of taxation a tax on transfer of properties would be the least onerous and, in the long run, perhaps the most advantageous form of Municipal taxation.

The amendment was put to vote and carried.

PRESIDENT : The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2 P. M.

The House adjourned at 1·5 P. M. and reassembled at 2. P. M. with the Dewan-President in the Chair.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS—(contd.)

IX. MEDICAL.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Sir, I move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 1,600 for special repairs to the Ophthalmic Hospital buildings at Trivandrum.

The repairs to the Ophthalmic Hospital had to be carried out urgently because of the very unsatisfactory condition of the walls and floors of the main building. The building was constructed over 50 years ago.

PRESIDENT : How many years ago ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Over 50 years ago, Sir. The plastering had crumbled down and there were crevices and cracks in the walls and floors which became a breeding place for vermin and germs. In Vrischigom last, the wards had to be closed due to an outbreak of chickenpox among the in-patients. The urgent repairs were carried out when the wards were closed for about 3 weeks. The building is now in good condition, though the accommodation is insufficient. I request the house to pass this supplementary grant.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether these defects were detected only very recently ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: They were noticed some years ago, patching work alone was done from time to time. The whole plastering of the walls could not be removed and renewed until the patients were removed from the wards.

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MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of patients in the hospital.

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: About 130 and 50 in this building.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know the number of cots provided ?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: 37 cots are provided in the main building, but 50 patients are usually accommodated here.

MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Does the honourable member realise that there is not a complaint for want of accommodation in the Ophthalmic Hospital ?

PRESIDENT: There is a very chronic complaint about this.

The question whether Rs. 1,600 be granted under Supplementary Grant IX— Medical, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

X. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION.

MR. M. K. GOPALA PILLAI Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 1,050 for additional T. A. to the District Health Officers.

This amount was necessitated by the frequent tours done by the District Officers in connection with the outbreak of plague in Munnar, Alleppey and Quilon. This additional expenditure had to be incurred in the interest of efficiency of work. I therefore request the House that this amount may be granted.

The question whether Rs. 1,050 be granted under Supplementary Grant X—Public Health and Sanitation, was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

XI. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Sir, I beg to move for an additional grant of Rs. 69,700 for urgent works under the Town Planning Scheme in Trivandrum etc.

In moving this I may state that a sum of Rs. 1,99,000 was provided in the Budget for 1115. Out of this an amount of Rs. 1,00,000 was alloted for the construction of new Office Buildings which are being constructed near the Museum and in consequence funds for other urgent works like the shelcreting of the roads were not available. On the whole Rs. 2,60,000 is required to carry out the programme of works this year and as more than 50 per cent of this allotment were taken away by the construction of buildings it became difficult to provide funds out of it for the carrying out of urgent works. Out of this, however, a sum of Rs. 40,000 is available by diversion for the Town planning works. The additional grant required for the town planning

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